



1 Read about these collections. Which collection ...

- a ... is the smallest? c ... was the quickest to make?
 b ... is the biggest? d ... is about a pet?

1 Angelika Unverhau is someone who collects pens. *Many* pens! For over nine years she has collected them because she thinks they've got really interesting shapes and colours. She's got more than 220,000 pens! Every time she goes on holiday to another country, she buys a pen. Now she's got pens from 146 different countries. Her most expensive pen is made of gold and it's worth a lot of money, but she's not going to sell it. She doesn't do this hobby to get rich!

3 Most people throw empty crisp packets in the rubbish bin, but not Bernd Sikora of Germany. He's got crisp packets from Europe, Asia and the United States, where crisps were first made in 1853 (they are called 'chips' there). Why does he collect them? He thinks that this nice snack is something we don't know much about and we can learn a lot about different countries from the packets. His collection of 2,000 empty packets was in a museum recently!

2 Mike Drysdale and Gale Brennan from the USA love the comic character called Garfield. Since 1994 they have made their home into a big Garfield museum! Every corner of their house has got something in it about the famous cat. They've got more than 3,000 things with the cat on it. There are Garfield toys, videos, radios, plates, cups and a bed! Have they got any cats of their own? No, they haven't. Gale can't have a cat, because she's allergic to them!

4 How many email addresses have you got? Sujit Ghosh from the city of Kolkata in India has collected a total of 5,555 email addresses! His email addresses are easy to find. The first one is 'Kolkataismycity1@rediffmail.com'. The last one is, of course 'Kolkataismycity5555@rediffmail.com'. He made these addresses in just 25 days! He did all the work with his left hand, because he is physically handicapped and he can't use his right hand.

2 Complete the sentences with 1, 2, 3 or 4 words.

- 1 Gale hasn't got a real cat because she _____.
 2 It was difficult for Sujit because he can't _____.
 3 Angelika's most expensive pen _____ gold.
 4 Bernd says we can use crisp packets to learn a lot about _____.